

San Antonio, TX - Today, Congressman Gonzalez attended a Veterans Forum sponsored in part by the Bexar County Veterans Committee. The event served as an opportunity for veterans and their families to give suggestions or ask questions about veterans programs and services.

Congressman Gonzalez participated in the event as part of National Veterans Awareness Week which runs from November 5 through Veterans Day, November 11. "I appreciate this opportunity to show support for our veterans and their families," stated Gonzalez. He continued, "Every single American owes a great deal of gratitude to those who have served in our military forces. These men and women sacrifice a great deal to promote the American ideals of freedom and to defend our national welfare.

San Antonio has a rich military history. The military tradition has contributed a great deal to the diverse culture of our city. I am so very proud of the Service Members and their families, here and around the world, who make such profound sacrifices to the benefit of our nation.

Veterans Day provides us with an opportunity to pay tribute to these patriots. However, I believe it is important that we all demonstrate our appreciation throughout the year. I will do my part by supporting federal policies that provide veterans with the benefits they were promised when they signed up. Time and again, Congress' policies have gone back on our promise to the men and women who serve in our military by failing to properly fund programs for military personnel and veterans. This is particularly troubling at a time when we are asking so much of our troops around the world, who will someday be veterans themselves.

I encourage all San Antonians to take a moment this week to acknowledge and celebrate the courageous sacrifices and service of all our veterans."